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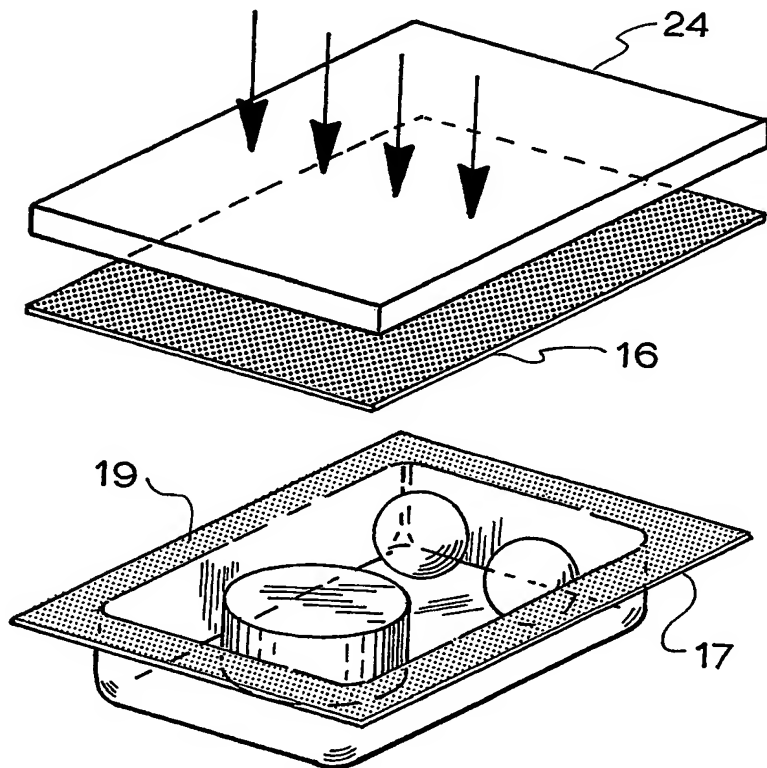
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(54) Title: EASY OPEN WATER SOLUBLE BLISTER PACKAGE



(57) Abstract: A blister package consists of a backing sheet (16) of cardboard, paper or plastic adhered to a blister (17) in which at least one or both of the backing sheet and the blister is made from a transparent water soluble thermoformable polymer composition. A tooth brush, cleaning utensil or garden utensil enclosed in the water soluble packaging material can be opened by placing it under running water. The packaging material is a thermoformable transparent water soluble starch or modified starch based polymer composition that is easily disintegrated by direct contact with water, and that biodegrades in waste water. The preferred starch is a high amylose maize starch. The starch can also be derived from wheat, potato, rice, oats, arrowroot and pea sources. The backing sheet is adhered to the blister by wetting the flange (19) with water and applying the backing sheet with the use of a press plate (24).

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